

LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK MONTHLY PROGRAMS

PARK HOURS:

Open 24 hours - 365 days a year

NATURE CENTER HOURS:

Closed for renovations.

ADMIN. OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

PARK FEES:

Day-use vehicle entry fee: \$6
Per motorized watercraft: \$4
Per non-motorized watercraft: \$2
Developed campsites: \$30 per night
Semi-developed campsites: \$20 per night
Shoreline camping: \$12 per night

ONLINE RESERVATIONS:

<http://www.maricopacountyparks.org/>

WEBSITE:

http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/lake_pleasant/

DIRECTIONS:

From central Phoenix, take I-17 north to Carefree Highway (SR 74). Exit Carefree Hwy. and travel west 15 miles to Castle Hot Spring Road at mile post 19. Travel north to Lake Pleasant Regional Park entrance.

STAFF:

Park Supervisor: David Jordan

Interpretive Ranger: Terry Gerber

Admin Staff: Chris Simpson, David Chatfield, Cheryl Kidd, Grady Van Popering, Laura Jo Boyd, and Jessica Scalzitti

Park Maintenance: Larry Beil, Jim Apthorp, Thomas Rychtik, and Alma Izaguirre

Nav Aid Techs.: Kyle Randall and Charlie Sizer



Maricopa County

Parks and Recreation Dept.
Lake Pleasant Regional Park
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Morristown, AZ 85342
Entry Station: 1 (928) 501-1710
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AUGUST FEATURED PROGRAMS

Wet 'n' Wild "Cactus Bingo" Hike - Yavapai Lower Loop Trail

Date: 8/6/2018 **Date:** 9AM

Description: The County Parks are getting Wet 'n' Wild this summer! Let's have fun and explore the desert by playing "Cactus Bingo!" Since this is a Wet 'n' Wild hike, bring a spray water bottle to keep you or a friend cool. This hike is only one mile and we will be taking our time looking for cactus related items. This hike is fairly easy and we will be on the trail for about an hour. The ranger will hand out game cards at the trailhead and we will be off to try our luck together. Follow "Cactus Bingo Hike" signs once you get close to the park. When the hike is finished and everyone is back off the trail in the parking lot, the ranger will pass out tickets, one per family, for a chance to win one four pack of Wet 'n' Wild Water Park tickets (\$160 value), so don't miss this fun Wet 'n' Wild "Cactus Bingo" Hike!

Core: Plants

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"Get Wet Beginner Kayaking" Program On-water Skills Course

Date: 8/8/2015 **Date:** 7AM & 9AM

Description: Have you ever wanted to give flat water lake kayaking a try? Well here is your chance. The program starts with a free one-hour informational classroom session held at the Glendale Cabelas on Friday evening (you will not

get wet). You do not need to register to attend the classroom session. Dates of free one-hour classroom introductory sessions are: August 7, August 21, September 11. Then if you would like to experience flat-water kayaking on Lake Pleasant, you may sign up for an on-the-water session that will be held at the Lake Pleasant Desert Outdoor Center. The \$40 registration fee for the on-the-water portion will be collected during the evening classroom session at Cabelas. Registration for on-the-water sessions begins at 6:00pm on a first come, first serve basis. Cash or check only please. Ages 12 & up, but if under 18 years then must be accompanied by an adult. Call 602-372-7470 for more information. Dates for 3-hour on-the-water sessions are: August 8, August 22, September 12 (choose from a 7AM or 9AM arrival time; sign up and pay at any of the Friday classes.

Core: Outdoor Skills

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LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST PROGRAMS

History of Water in the Lake Pleasant Area

Date: 8/7/2015 **Time:** 1 p.m.

Description: Come join the ranger as you look out above the beautiful Lake Pleasant and learn a bit about the water and history of this unique resource. Follow the "History of Water" program signs along the roadway, once you are inside the park.

Core: Archaeology & History

FREE Introduction to Kayaking Classroom Presentation at Cabela's

Date: 8/7/2015 **Time:** 6 p.m.

Description: Would you like to try kayaking but don't know where to start? Everything you need to know about flat-water kayaking will be presented at the "Get Wet Beginner Kayaking" program. Lake Pleasant Regional Park, the Desert Outdoor Center, and Cabela's is presenting a free one-hour informational classroom session that will be held at the Glendale Cabela's on Friday evening (you will NOT get wet). No registration is necessary to attend the classroom session. Dates of FREE 1-hour classroom introductory sessions are:

August 7, August 21, September 11. Then if you wish to try your skills in a kayak, you may sign up for one of six on-the-water sessions that will be held at the Desert Outdoor Center at Lake Pleasant. The \$40 registration fee for the on-the-water portion will be collected before the evening classroom session at Cabela's. Registration will begin at 6:00p.m. on first come, first serve basis. Cash or check only please. Dates for 3-hour on-the-water sessions are: August 8, August 22, Sept 12 (choose from a 7a.m. or 9 a.m. arrival time)(Sign up and pay at any of the Friday classes, on-water sessions fill up fast, so first come, first served)Ages 12 & up, call 602-372-7470 for more information. If under 18 years then must be accompanied by an adult. The Desert Outdoor Center is a gated facility, so you must be registered to attend the water sessions. Gates will be open 30 minutes before each session begins. The boat dock is about a 1/4 mi down from the facility, so please be prepared for a short hike. There is no boat ramp access to launch a kayak at this facility, so please do not bring your personal kayaks.

Core: Outdoor Skills

Pleasant Paddlers Program - Easy Paddle Tour of Lake Pleasant

Date: 8/12/2015 **Time:** 8 a.m.

Description: Come join the ranger on this guided paddle on the waters of Lake Pleasant. This paddle is aimed as a social paddle at a slower pace and will be under four miles and three hours. Bring your own paddle craft or call ahead and rent one. Rental kayaks and rental stand-up paddle boards (including paddlecraft, life vest and paddle) may be available by calling park staff at (928) 501-1710, for more details. Everyone on this tour must wear a life vest. Bring plenty of water

and a snack. Dress to get wet and stay cool. We will be meeting at the end of the Desert Tortoise Road, look for the "Pleasant Paddlers Program" signs. We meet at 8am and want to launch by 8:30am.

Core: Aquatics

Pleasant Paddlers Program - Exploring the Eastern Coves of Lake Pleasant

Date: 8/13/2015 **Time:** 7 a.m.

Description: Come join Ranger Terry as he guides you along some of the fun coves on the eastern side of the lake. This paddle tour is for experienced paddlers who have their own paddle craft and are wanting a moderate pace. No new paddlers please and there are no rentals available for this paddle tour. The park does offer the easy paddles with rentals, so check the website over for those listings. Bring plenty of water and sun protection. Come dressed to get wet and keep cool, we will make a few stops. This paddle launches at the end of Desert Tortoise road, look for the in-park "Pleasant Paddlers Program" signs. We meet at 7am and will launch by 7:30am.

Core: Aquatics

Pleasant Paddlers Program - Easy Paddle Tour of Lake Pleasant

Date: 8/20/2015 **Time:** 8 a.m.

Description: Come join the ranger on this guided paddle on the waters of Lake Pleasant. This paddle is aimed as a social paddle at a slower pace and will be under four miles and three hours. Bring your own paddle craft or call ahead and rent one. Rental kayaks and rental stand-up paddle boards may be available by calling park staff at (928) 501-1710 for more details. Everyone on this tour must wear a life vest. Bring plenty of water and a snack. Dress to get wet and stay cool. We will be meeting at the end of the Desert Tortoise Road, look for the "Pleasant Paddlers Program" signs. We meet at 8am and want to launch by 8:30am.

Core: Aquatics

FREE Introduction to Kayaking Classroom Presentation at Cabela's

Date: 8/21/2015 **Time:** 6 p.m.

Description: Same program as 8/7/2015, please see that date for program information.

Core: Outdoor Skills

"Get Wet Beginner Kayaking" Program On-water Skills Course

Date: 8/22/2015 **Time:** 7AM and 9AM

Description: Same program as 8/8/2015, please see that date for program information.

Core: Outdoor Skills

"Scenic Lookout" Hike to Yavapai Point

Date: 8/27/2015 **Time:** 7 a.m.

Description: We will be hiking on one of the most scenic trails in the whole park! From this trail we will see the entire lake and fantastic

views of the park. This is a moderate trail with a few steep places. Please be in somewhat of good hiking shape for attending this hike. We will meet at the Cottonwood Day Use Area / Cottonwood Trailhead. We will be hiking the Yavapai Point Trail which is a moderate 3 mile round trip. Wear good hiking shoes, bring water, a snack, and sun protection. The ranger will see you at the trailhead for a scenic adventure!

Core: Health & Fitness

Full Moon Scenic Hike

Date: 8/28/2015 **Time:** 7 p.m.

Description: This relatively easy trail is a great way to see the lake on the full moon nights. Bring water and a flashlight just in case we have clouds. We will meet for the hike at the day use area on Desert Tortoise Road, look for the in-park program signs that will lead you to the trailhead. There are bathrooms available at the trailhead. This hike is two hours and about four miles.

Core: Health & Fitness

Pleasant Paddlers Program - Wet 'n' Wild Sunset and Full Moon Paddle Tour

Date: 8/29/2015 **Time:** 6:30 p.m.

Description: The County Parks are getting Wet 'n' Wild this summer! Come explore the north end of the lake as we tour by the full moon. This paddle is aimed as a social paddle at a slower pace and will be under four miles and three hours. Bring your own paddle craft or call ahead and rent one. Rental kayaks and rental stand-up paddle boards may be available by making prior arrangements and calling park staff at (928) 501-1710. Everyone on this tour must wear a life vest. Bring plenty of water and a snack. We will meet at or near the 4-lane launch ramp, look for "Pleasant Paddlers" signs.

Core: Aquatics

WHAT TO BRING:

Please wear sturdy shoes (closed-toe), dress appropriately for the weather and bring more water than you think you will need. See descriptions for specifics. Notes: Fees for guided hikes and programs are included in the park entry fee of \$6 per vehicle or with your annual pass. Reservations are not required unless specified in the program description. Hikes/programs are canceled if heavy inclement weather is imminent. If possible, canceled hikes will be posted on the website –

www.maricopa.gov/parks